



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 040301-0575

RCE
IFW

Applicant: Shigeo MATSUZAWA et al.
Title: ROUTER DEVICE AND CUT-THROUGH PATH CONTROL
METHOD FOR REALIZING LOAD BALANCING AT
INTERMEDIATE ROUTERS
Application No.: 09/429,632
Filing Date: October 29, 1999
Examiner: Ho, Chuong T.
Art Unit: 2664

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:
 - ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on November 2, 2004.
 - ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ___ but not considered.
 - ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ___.
 - b. Enclosed are:
 - ☐ Amendment/Reply.
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).

Miscellaneous:

☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$790.00	=	\$790.00
Total Claims:	20	-	22	=	0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	6	-	6	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
	First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:					+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
	CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:							=	\$790.00

☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	0	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:	-		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$790.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:			\$790.00

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$790.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date December 20, 2004

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